



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Nearly 13,000 American women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year, and of those, the disease will be fatal for as many as one-third; and
- WHEREAS: Cervical cancer is the second most common type of cancer for women worldwide, yet it is also one of the most preventable types of cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Cervical cancer most often affects women between 35 and 55 years of age, and approximately 20 percent of those diagnosed are over the age of 65. For this reason, it is important for women to be screened for cervical cancer screening until at least 70; and
- WHEREAS: Cervical cancer vaccines are now widely accessible, and together with screening tests, can provide a formidable and effective means of preventing this disease; and
- WHEREAS: Precancerous cervical cell changes and early cancers of the cervix generally do not cause symptoms, yet regular cervical cancer screening tests are effective in diagnosing the disease early, when there is the best chance for successful treatment; and
- WHEREAS: Early awareness and accurate detection are key components to safeguarding the health of an individual. Because of better screening techniques and treatment, deaths from cervical cancer in the United States continue to decline by approximately two percent each year; and
- WHEREAS: Throughout the month of January, organizations and healthcare practitioners are encouraged to promote awareness about cervical cancer and to supports patients currently battling cervical cancer and those who have lost loved ones to this disease; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 2018 as CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage all our citizens to recognize and support women who are taking charge of their health, and encourage all women to learn about the tests and vaccines that may help prevent cervical cancer.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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